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RAILROADS WAGING BITTER FIGHT AGAINST TRUCK AND JITNEY FREIGHTERS

Outcome of War Will Decide Which Shall Exist as Railroads Ate Now Losing Thousands of Dollars Because of Competition With Autos.

Almost unobserved and unobserved, a bitter and merciless war is being waged between the railroads and the commercial auto trucks and jitney haulers competing with the railroads. Few people realize the seriousness of the situation and do not know of the fight that has been started.

For the railroad companies the battle is being waged by its big army of employees who have launched upon a campaign, directing the full power of their individual effort and their strong organizations to put an end to competition with commercial auto trucks and passenger carrying jitneys. The jitney and truck men have no organization, but are depending upon their own efforts to combat the railroads. The railroad men have been given assurance that they have the full financial backing of the railroad company and with the knowledge that they have unlimited funds at their command are prepared to go to any lengths in their fight.

Work Falling Off.

The reason for the intense interest shown by the railroad employees is to be found in the age old instinct for self-preservation. Few people realize the great inroads the commercial auto carrier has made on railroad traffic. Locally it has been found necessary by the railroad company to take off the Roseburg-Eugene local freight, throwing a number of men out of employment. This became necessary, the railroad states, because the auto trucks have taken the freight business between those points, making the operation of a special train unprofitable. The "red car line" between Eugene and Portland, last year, railroad men say, because passenger traffic between Eugene and Portland was handled by autos instead of by train.

A reduction in the number of trains operated, a falling off in business, a failure to make suitable profit, reacts upon the railroad men in loss of jobs, cuts in pay and lack of employment. Consequently they are fighting the auto trucks in order to provide working conditions for themselves.

Educational Campaign On.

The fight at present is being confined to an educational campaign which is to be continued for several months. Manufacturers, merchants and all other persons having occa-

Proposed Chamber of Commerce Trip Is Postponed Because of Prune Harvest

The proposed trip of Roseburg business men and the Douglas county concert band to the various other cities of the county to secure their cooperation in building up a county chamber of commerce, has been postponed on account of the inability of the band to get away at this time of the year. The trip has not been given up entirely, however, and will take place about the third of fourth week in October.

The prunes, that small purple insignificant fruit, has again come to the front to show off its power, for it is the main factor in delaying the band. Nearly half the band boys are at present working in either prune orchards or driers, and it is impossible for them to leave their work for even a single day. Ten members of the band are from Dixieville and all ten of them are busy with prunes. Then there are several boys in other directions from towns who are similarly occupied. Various other duties are calling other members of the band at this season, and it is impossible for them to get away until at least the second of October.

Even if the band could get away at this time, it would be very difficult to get crowds together at the places is very busy at this season. The growers and farmers are among the ones who would be most interested in the proposed organization, and it would be next to impossible for some of them to attend the meeting. A much larger crowd will be on hand for the meeting if it is held on some next month than if it were held on the dates formerly announced.

WOUNDED MAN DIES.

MEDFORD, Sept. 21.—William Jacks, of Eagle Point, who was shot yesterday during an altercation involving the alleged attentions of Rollie Matthews to Mrs. Jacks, died today. Matthews is in jail and will be charged with murder.

are to be kept at work. If the railroad man receives a cut in wages, it has an immediate effect upon business in Roseburg, and consequently everything possible should be done to keep the railroads operating at full capacity.

Auto Campaign Unknown

Just what action the auto truck and jitney drivers will take in answering the attack of the railroad is not known. At the present time there is no organization among them but it is quite probable that the fight now being waged will cause the commercial owners to organize for their own protection. It is evident from the attitude taken by both sides that the war is to be fought to a finish, for the profit to be found in the auto truck business will not permit the owners to give up easily. The auto truck trains are growing in number. Daily new passenger and freight lines are being started and are tapping new points. Gradually the entire state is being covered by commercial auto lines and as their business increases the business of the railroad decreases in like proportion. It is now a fight for existence between the two and the war is no doubt to be one of the hardest fought of modern commercial history.

Wants More Work And Less Play

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—"The American people want more work and less play," Senator Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, declared today in the senate, describing President Harding's recent trip to New York state on the yacht Mayflower. The trip was taken, he said, "while millions of Americans were hanging their heads in shame," because men who "helped with the war" were being offered on the auction block in Boston.

Repairs Made at Roundhouse

A crew of men is busily engaged at the local roundhouse in making repairs to the engine pits. The pits are to be put in fine condition and will greatly aid in making repairs to the locomotives. The flooring around the pits had become badly worn and the water was allowed to seep underneath and this destroyed the wooden blocks of which the floor was constructed. These are now being removed and replaced by new blocks on a better foundation.

Mrs. Devaney Hit by Auto

Mrs. Michael Devaney was seriously and painfully injured about 10:30 last night at the corner of Lane and Pine streets, when she was knocked to the pavement and dragged for some distance by the automobile driven by Clarence Baker. Although she is badly bruised and cut, still no bones are broken and her condition is not dangerous.

The lady was on her way home from a sewing club meeting, and Clarence Baker was taking a load of band boys home from band rehearsal. Those in the car were Theodore Olsen, Roy Bailey, Lyle Roodman, Arthur Knass, and the driver, Clarence Baker. Mrs. Devaney was crossing from the northwest to the southwest corner of the intersection. Another car was going west on Lane street, and young Baker slowed up until this was passed, then started to cross the intersection immediately behind this other car, not seeing Mrs. Devaney until he was practically upon her. Mrs. Devaney had avoided the other car, and was just past the intersection post when she was struck by the Baker car.

To all appearances Mrs. Devaney saw the car at about the same instant Clarence Baker saw her. Baker swung over toward the left curb in an effort to avoid hitting her, but it seems that she, thinking he would swing the opposite direction, also dodged toward the left curb. She was struck by the bumper of the car, and dragged clear to the curb. When the car came to a stop she was lying partly under it, but none of the wheels had passed over her body. It is the opinion of witnesses that the bumper alone saved her life. Her face, head and arms are badly cut, and her whole body is bruised. One foot is also badly cut from contact with some sharp portion of the car. She was carried to her home, which was only a block away, by the band boys. She will probably be in bed for some time but her injuries are not dangerous.

Fiendish Murder Occurs in Michigan

(By United Press.)
DOWAGIAC, Mich., Sept. 21.—A bloody fingerprint and a nail studded club are the only clues today to the fiendish murder of three members of one family last night.

William Monroe, his wife Mary, and seventeen-year-old daughter Neva, were found in bed this morning with their skulls crushed.

Ardith, another daughter, aged 12 years, was found with her face beaten beyond recognition and skull fractured. She will probably die.

No trace of robbery was found. The police advance the theory that the deed was done by a maniac or someone else with a grudge against the Monroes.

Ku Klux Klan to Be Investigated

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Information in the hands of the department of justice as to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan was laid before President Harding today by Attorney General Daugherty after the latter had conferred with Director Burns of the department's bureau of investigation. Burns has been conducting an investigation of the Klan was also proposed by Representative Tague, democrat, of Massachusetts, who in a resolution asserts that the organization is "anti-American" and its purpose is to "extirpate and suppress certain religious sects."

TESTIMES AGAINST FATTY.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Al Semmeller, Virginia Rappe's manager, told the grand jury here that Arducke admitted to him and other men at the party that he had taken Miss Rappe into his room and there had committed certain acts in connection with the crime he is accused of.

Fatty Will Appear In Women's Court

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Arducke will be the center of large throngs of women when he comes before Judge Lazarus tomorrow for a preliminary hearing in the "women's court," the department set aside for complaints made by women. Mrs. Baumbach Delmont is Fatty's complainant.

Explosion Proves Fatal to Hundreds

(By United Press.)
BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Seven hundred persons were reported killed in an explosion of artificial nitrogen at Ludwigshafen, according to dispatches here. Hundreds more were injured. Buildings were wrecked both at Ludwigshafen and Mannheim on the opposite sides of the Rhine. The towns are the center of the German chemical industry.

Plans Made For Speedy Ratification

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Although Borah's avowed opposition to the German peace treaty may overthrow the administration's program regarding that instrument, forcing its postponement until after the disarmament conference, Harding and Lodge reached a decision to speed its ratification as much as possible. Borah is regarded as the only strong opposition.

Last Concert of Season Tomorrow

The last band concert of the season will be held tomorrow night on the courthouse lawn. This being the last concert of the year, the whole program will be devoted to the band with no singing or speaking. The band has been saving some of its best numbers for this grand finale, and the music lovers of Roseburg have a treat in store for them Thursday night.

The people of Roseburg have been very enthusiastic over this year's concerts, and the band is preparing to open up with something big with the first warm weather next spring.

ROW BOAT MISSING.

TACOMA, Sept. 21.—The possibility that Roy Gardner took advantage of the ending of the search to escape from McNells Island, is indicated in the report that J. O. Evans, residing near Gertrude, missed his row boat today. No trace of the boat can be found.

That the band is appreciated is evidenced by the large crowd that attended last Thursday's concert in spite of the chilliness of the evening. One of the largest crowds of the season is expected to be out tomorrow night to hear the last of the series of concerts.

Congress Takes Up Work Today

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Congress reassembled at noon today after a 30 days recess, with prospects that the extra session would lapse into the regular session beginning in December.

The house is expected to take a series of three days recesses until October 4th, while the senate goes ahead on tax revision, ratification of treaties, and with the anti-beer, railroad debt refunding, allied debt refunding, and the Panama canal tolls bills.

Conference May Mean Settlement

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Senators Kenyon and Shortridge will recommend a joint conference between the unionists and operators as a basis of settlement of West Virginia's mine troubles. A drastic measure is suggested if the conference fails, according to authoritative information.

Wilson Foundation Fund Is Started

With appointment of officers of the state committees and county chairmen throughout Oregon, preparations are well under way for the opening of the intensive campaign on October 23 to make Oregon the first state to subscribe its quota to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation fund. C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Oregon Journal and general chairman, has associated with him in the state campaign to raise \$5,000 or more, Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the executive committee, M. A. Miller, chairman of the speakers committee, and Robert E. Smith, state treasurer.

A fund of \$1,000,000 or more and known as the Woodrow Wilson Foundation is to be created by public subscription in recognition of the national and international services of ex-president Wilson in the cause of human freedom and peace. Each year awards are to be made from the income of the Foundation to the individual or group that has rendered within a specified time, meritorious services to democracy, public welfare, liberal thought and peace, and it is the hope of the sponsors of the movement that, with Woodrow Wilson as an example, public service will thereby be encouraged and recognized in this and future generations.

The county chairmen appointed for Oregon were: William Smith, Baker; Victor Moses, Benton; H. G. Starkweather, Clatskanie; John H. Smith, Clatsop; Sherman Miles, Coffeyville; Hugh McLean, Coos; M. R. Piggis, Crook; W. A. Wood, Curry; John A. Eastes, Deschutes; O. P. Coshaw, Douglas; M. A. Welberford, Gilliam; Everett Hicks, Grant; J. M. Cook Harney; Mrs. C. H. Ganser, Hood River; E. B. Pickle, Jackson; Harry Gard, Jefferson; S. B. Gillett, Josephine; W. T. Dalzell, Klamath; Charles Oliver, Lake; Lark Blyden, Lane; Ed. Stocker, Lincoln; J. K. Lane, Medford; W. H. Downing, Marion; Sam Van Vaster, Morrow; Koscoe Staats, Polk; J. C. McKean, Sherman; James Baker, Tillamook; E. B. Aldrich, Umatilla; Walter M. Flores, Union; Charles Blyden, Wallowa; Miss Cella Gavin, Wasco; Al Long, Washington; Hubert Bernard, Yamhill; and Elton Watkins, Multnomah.

SELECTING JURORS.

SEATTLE, Sept. 21.—The selection of jurors went forward in the trial of James E. Mahoney, alleged wife murderer, late today. Mahoney has dropped his shamming attitude and is taking a live interest in the proceedings.

REPUBLICAN IN LEAD.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 21.—Senator Bursum, republican, is leading Judge Richard Hanna, democrat, in the senatorial race by a plurality of nearly seven thousand. Bursum succeeded Secretary Fall in the senate.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PATROL ENDS SEASON WITH SMALL AMOUNT DAMAGE

In Spite of Great Number of Forest Fires Loss Is Less Than Usual—All Fires Reported Were Man—Caused Many of Them Being Due to Carelessness.

The fire season ended for the Douglas County Fire Patrol today, all of its lookouts and rangers being recalled. The danger of forest fires has passed, the rains of the past few days, together with the cold foggy nights dampening the forests sufficiently to prevent fires from starting. In spite of a great number of fires, the patrol has had little loss and will be able to make a report showing a much smaller amount of damage than for many years.

Over 350 fires were reported during the season, and of this number practically all were man-caused. A large number were set out by persons desiring to burn off range for cattle, but by far the greater majority were caused by hunters. On the opening day of the deer season, 16 fires were reported, all being confined to districts in which hunters were active. For the first week of the season there was an average of 15 fires each day. On Labor Day, when hundreds of people went into the woods there were 22 fires. On Sunday after the opening of the deer season there were always more fires started than during all the remainder of the week. The fires also occurred in the greatest number in the districts in which there were the most hunters.

Carelessness Cause.

Practically all of these fires, it was found, were caused by carelessness. Of those started by the hunters, the majority came from matches or cigarettes carelessly thrown into the dry undergrowth. Many cigarettes, flipped into the bushes, smoldered for a short time and then caused a small fire to spring up growing into enormous size within a short space of time. Smokers throwing tobacco from pipes also started fires.

A few of the fires were started from camp fires left burning, but this number was much less than usual as the campaign of education in this regard, has impressed upon the minds of campers the necessity of putting out the fires before leaving the camp.

Loss is Light.

But in spite of the large number of fires reported, the actual loss has been very light. One fire near Drain started by a sawmill, destroyed the mill and its machinery together with considerable logging timber. This loss amounted to about \$2000, the biggest loss of any fire.

Airplanes Do Good Work.

A large percentage of the fires reported to the local headquarters, were reported by the aerial patrol. The fires were spotted while still quite small and prompt action on the part of the fire fighters of the ground force quickly extinguished the fires, making the low loss record possible. Had the fires been allowed to gain greater headway, there would have been a much heavier damage done.

Senate Calendar Crowded With Business as Congress Resumes Work After Recess

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Congress got back to work today, with its leaders determined to push its major tasks to completion within sixty days.

While the House had little ahead of it requiring immediate action, the senate's calendar was crowded with business.

President Harding was expected to submit the treaty with Germany at once. At the same time, the finance committee was to report two \$4,000,000,000 tax bills. These two measures appeared likely to claim the center of the senatorial stage for some weeks to come.

In addition, the senate has the conference report on the anti-beer bill to dispose of. This is one of the most warmly controverted measures ever before congress, and there was no sign of weakening by its opponents. They were ready to go ahead trying to get the bill indefinitely, they said, until their wishes were met.

Senator Borah's bill repealing tolls on American coastwise ships passing through the Panama canal was the unfinished business before the senate when it met. Borah's bill will be voted on October 10, but it is unlikely much of the interim will be spent in debate upon it.

The railroad reformatory bill, already passed by the house, and the allied debt refunding bill were both on the senate's calendar. An effort will be made to get the railroad bill through, but the debt refunding measure has been sidetracked for the present.

The interstate commerce committee is scheduled to resume its extensive investigation of the railroad situation at an early date. In several weeks of investigation last spring, the committee heard the railroad's side of the questions involved. Labor is to be heard this fall.

The senate labor committee has a West Virginia mine war on its hands, and will try to formulate some settlement, after completing its investigation. Reports on the investigation of Truman H. Newberry's right to his seat as a U. S. senator from Michigan will be filed with the senate, and at some time before December an effort will be made to bring up the question on the floor. This will precipitate a bitter partisan fight.

A sub-committee is to continue an investigation begun in the summer of American intervention in Haiti and Santo Domingo. The committee may decide to visit the island republics. A naval sub-committee will resume its inquiry into the case of Captain Chamberlain, whose aerial exploits during the war resulted in his dismissal from the naval service. Chamberlain claims he was unjustly convicted and dismissed and is seeking vindication.

The senate also has the tariff bill, but administration leaders did not know just where it would fit into the legislative program. That will be determined when the tax bill is out of the way.

The house, meanwhile, may consider the maternity bill which the senate had passed, or may take up a soldier-bonus bill. The allied loan refunding measure also may come in for some attention. A further deficiency appropriation also is expected before long.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frazer, of Sutherlin, on Monday, September 19, a baby girl. Their many friends are congratulating them upon the new arrival.